



## RUFORUM 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

### CONCEPT NOTE

## CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 21ST RUFORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## THEME

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### **Positioning Africa's Universities and the Higher Education Sector to effectively impact development processes on the continent**

#### **Hosts:**

The Government of Botswana and  
RUFORUM member Universities in Botswana led by Botswana University of  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

#### **Venue:**

Tsodilo Suite, Gaborone

**Date:** 04th December 2025

**Time:** 4th December 2025 Time: 14:00-16:30 CAT  
(15:00-17:30 EAT | 12:00-14:30 GMT)

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## Programme

**Session Chair:** Prof. Otlogetswe Totolo, Vice Chancellor, Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Botswana

**Session Rapporteurs:** Dr. Petros Mkandawire and Mr. Moses Waswa, RUFORUM Secretariat

Time	Agenda Item	
14:00-14:10	Welcome Remarks from Session Chair	Prof. Otlogetswe Totolo, Vice Chancellor, Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Botswana
14:10-14:20	Remarks from the Session Chair and Host	Prof. Ketlhatlogile Mosepele, Vice Chancellor, Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Botswana
14:20-14:35	Opening address	Hon. Dr. Edwin Dikoloti, Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Botswana
14:35-14:45	Botswana Cultural Group Performance	
14:45-15:30	Recognition/Award Ceremony; 1. Young Scientists 2. Emerging scientists 3. Outstanding farmers 4. Best exhibitor 5. Best Poster presenters 6. Best oral presenters	LOC/RUFORUM Secretariat
15:30-15:45	Conference Communique	Prof. Samodimo Ngwako, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs & Research, BUAN and Chair of the Local Organising Committee of the AGM
15:45-16:00	Botswana Cultural Group Performance	
16:00-16:10	Vote of thanks: RUFORUM Board Chair	Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, RUFORUM Board Chair and Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon
16:10-16:30	Closing Remarks by the Minister of Higher Education, Botswana	Hon. Prince Maele, Minister of Higher Education, Botswana
19:00-21:00	EVENING FUNCTION: CLOSING DINNER	